

THOMAS AND ELIZABETH NASH PHILLIPS



Thomas Phillips was born January 1, 1828 in Bodenham, Herefordshire, England, and there learned farming. In England he met and married Elizabeth Nash on October 11, 1852. She was born February 9, 1829 in Broomsgrove, Worstershire, England, and was baptized into the LDS Church in 1846. Elizabeth's mother, Mary Ann Barns Nash and her brother James Nash emigrated to Heber in 1863 and 1864, leaving her father and other members of the family in England.

disputes was left up to the officers and as fair as possible. William Richardson S company. Other officers were Parley Murdock, Archibald Sellers and George Hyrum Sweat.

While the community of Center Creek was growing, another community about two miles north of Center began to develop. This was known as Lake Creek, and began about 1877. Robert Lindsay and his wife Sarah Ann, and William Lindsay and his wife Mary, had been living in Heber, but decided to look around for a site where they might establish more permanent homes. They finally decided on a site three miles east of Heber, near a spring, and in 1877 moved from Heber to begin farming the rich soil.

They built log homes and lived close together until about 1883 when they decided it would be much easier to work the farm land if one family lived in the upper section. They drew lots to see who would move, and Robert got the "cut" to move. He built a two-room log house and later a large, two-story home for his family.

As these men found success in farming the Lake Creek land, others soon began to take up homesteads in the area. Some of these homesteaders included Bengt Peterson, James Nash, William Murdoch Sr., William Baird Sr. and John W. Crook.

An excellent sandstone quarry was developed on property owned by John Crook and Herbert Clegg. The stone was used to build many of

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By 1876 Thomas and Elizabeth had saved enough to make the trip to Utah. They arrived in Heber on August 9, 1875 and homesteaded 140 acres of land in Center. Lake Creek ran through their farm.

Thomas's farming experiences in England helped him immensely as he developed his farm in Center, even though he and his wife were unaccustomed to the rigors of pioneer life. They were, however, hard working and thrifty people, and soon were among the most successful cattle ranchers in the county.

Their children included Emma Phillips, born July 4, 1853; Rebecca Phillips, born January 1, 1858; Frederick T. Phillips, born 1861; Elizabeth Jessie, born August 29, 1865 and Harry James, born March 2, 1869.

Thomas Phillips died July 15, 1887 from an accident that occurred while he was hauling lumber from a sawmill in Pole Canyon to complete the building of a new home on Lake Creek. Elizabeth continued to care for her home and gardens, and enjoyed good health. She died May 29, 1900, three days after she fell from a wagon and struck her head on a rock while riding to a picnic with her daughter Jessie and son Harry.



A home built from red sandstone by Thomas Phillips in the early days of the Lake Creek area. This photograph was taken of the home in 1910.

the homes in Center Creek, Lake Creek, Heber and even in Salt Lake City. Some of the buildings constructed of the stone were the Stake House and County Court House, the jail and the Central and North Schools, all in Heber. The sand stone was also used for sidewalks and for lining graves.

Lake Creek settlers also had their irrigation water problems as the population began to grow, and on May 2, 1888 the farmers of the area met to formulate plans for an irrigation company. An organizing committee was formed with Robert Broadhead as chairman and Robert Clegg as secretary. By July 6, 1888 the company organization was ready and Mr. Broadhead was elected as the first president. William Lindsay was named secretary with Henry Chatwin as treasurer and John Lee and Henry Clegg as directors.

First stockholders in the company were Henry Clegg, Robert Broadhead, John Lee, Henry Chatwin, James Nash, Elizabeth Nash, a Mrs. Phillips, John Baird, William Baird, James Baird, Robert and William Lindsay, Milton and William Murdoch, Orson Lee, Abram Hatch, Bengt Peterson, Mrs. Elisha Jones, Richard Jones, Thomas Campbell, William Blake, Mrs. William Cole, Eric Erickson, William Priestly, John Lloyd, Nels and Ludwig Anderson, Thomas and William Clegg, William Davis, Rasmus Miller, Rasmus Anderson and Charles W. Giles.

For several years the Lake Creek settlement continued, and separate school and church organizations were developed. However, it was gradually assimilated into the Center Creek development and became part of that community.

Industry in Center Creek has largely centered around farming. However, one of the first sawmills in the valley was constructed in Center Creek Canyon by Henry McMullin, William M. Wall and James Adams.

A general store was opened by William Baxter, who also operated a creamery. He bought milk from the farmers, made it into butter and

Samuel Platt

lived at Bengt Peterson
Hornstead during William
Nymphus Baird's youth

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HUSBAND: Samuel Briton PLATT (AFN:HWHT-K9)

BORN: 7 Jun 1870 PLACE: Graniteville, Aiken, South Carolina

CHR.: PLACE:

DIED: 28 Jul 1939 PLACE: Columbus, Lowndes, Mississippi

BUR.: PLACE: Columbus, Lowndes, Mississippi

MAR.: PLACE:

LDS ORDINANCE DATA

B: 9 Sep 1961

E: 2 Dec 1961

SP: 19 Apr 1963 LA

SS:

FATHER: Abel PLATT (AFN:HWHG-LX)

MOTHER: Caroline Ester SHULL (AFN:HWHG-M4)

OTHER WIVES:

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WIFE: Fannie Maude OLIVER (AFN:HWHT-LG)

BORN: 19 Oct 1882 PLACE: , Hart, Georgia

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DIED: PLACE:

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BUR.: PLACE:

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FATHER:

MOTHER:

OTHER HUSBANDS:

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Sex CHILDREN

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1. NAME: LIVING (AFN:HWHT-MM)

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Codes: AFN=Ancestral File Number B=Baptized E=Endowed SS=Sealed to Spouse SP=Sealed to Parents

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HUSBAND: Samuel Houston PLATT (AFN:PGTG-X1)

BORN: 26 Nov 1872 PLACE: Duplex, Fannin, Texas

CHR.: PLACE:

DIED: PLACE:

BUR.: PLACE:

MAR.: 22 Dec 1901 PLACE: , Fannin, Texas

FATHER: William M. PLATT (AFN:PGRP-JP)

MOTHER: Frances Ring KING (AFN:PGRP-KV)

OTHER WIVES:

LDS ORDINANCE DATA

B: 23 Jan 1987 DA

E: 13 Feb 1987 DA

SP: 26 Feb 1987 DA

SS:

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WIFE: Katie POLSON (AFN:PGTG-Z6)

BORN: [1872] PLACE:

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FATHER:

MOTHER:

OTHER HUSBANDS:

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Sex CHILDREN

1. NAME: Mary PLATT (AFN:PGTH-OB)

---- BORN: 5 Nov 1903 PLACE: Durant, , Oklahoma

F CHR.: PLACE:

B:

DIED: 4 Apr 1980 PLACE: Durant, , Oklahoma

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BUR.: PLACE:

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SPOUSE:

MAR.: PLACE:

SS:

2. NAME: Robert PLATT (AFN:PGTH-1H)

---- BORN: 25 Oct 1906 PLACE: Durant, , Oklahoma

M CHR.: PLACE:

B: Child

DIED: 25 Apr 1912 PLACE:

E: Child

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